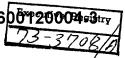
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Honorable Richard H. Ichord, Chairman Committee on Internal Security House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your request for the views of this Agency on H. R. 8865, "To amend the Internal Security Act of 1950 to establish a Central Security Review Office for the coordination of loyalty and security programs administered by Federal executive agencies." We are formulating our views and will send you our comments as soon as they have been appropriately coordinated within the Executive Branch.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby W. E. Colby

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W. E. Colby

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3.				Agency views on H. R. 8865. The bill establishes a central office for coordinating and
Mr. Colby (letter revised)				administering Federal personnel loyalty and security programs. We are in the process of
5.				coordinating an Agency position or the proposal. In the past, our position has been to request an
6.				exemption from such legislation of the basis of conflict with the
7.	•			Director's statutory authority regarding tenure and statutory responsibility for protecting intel
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